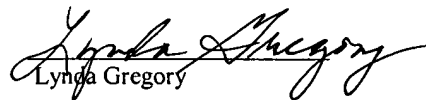


EXPRESS MAILING CERTIFICATE

EXPRESS MAIL No.: EV 224165985 US

Deposited: **March 1, 2004**

hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Lynda Gregory

Attorney Docket No.: 00829

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: DiGuisseppi et al. Group: 1654
Serial No.: 10/084,578 Examiner: LEARY, L.
Filed: February 27, 2002 Customer No.: 35467
For: **INTEGRATED FILTRATION AND DETECTION DEVICE**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

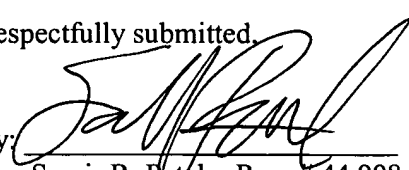
Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee in the amount of \$410.00 for this petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0364. In addition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with this submission or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0364.

March 1, 2004

bioMerieux, Inc.
Patent Department
100 Rodolphe Street
Durham, NC 27712
Tel. (919) 620-2914

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Samir R. Patel – Reg. # 44,998
Patent Counsel

03/05/2004 WABDELRI 00000078 500364 10084578
01 FC:1252 420.00 DA